# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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EXPORT OF DRY FRUITS
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) the variety and quantum of dry fruits exported during each of the last three years and the current year alongwith the foreign exchange earned thereby, country-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to boost the exports of dry fruits in order to get maximum price in the international market?

## Answer

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(a) Details of major dry fruits exports to major importing countries are given below:

(Quantity in metric tones, Value in Rupees crores)

| Commodity | Country | 2001-02 | | 2002-03 | | 2003-04 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Quantity | Value | Quantity | Value | Quantity | Value |
| Cashew Kernels | USA | 44429 | 864.61 | 53725 | 1015.89 | 48504 | 881.55 |
| | Netherlands | 13104 | 249.19 | 13315 | 244.69 | 12237 | 215.03 |
| | UAE | 3251 | 61.37 | 5765 | 100.80 | 6239 | 102.42 |
| | Japan | 4783 | 91.97 | 4123 | 80.34 | 5522 | 101.95 |
| | UK | 6551 | 125.11 | 5192 | 100.73 | 5392 | 95.61 |
| | France | 2517 | 53.64 | 2236 | 44.56 | 2444 | 43.61 |
| | Spain | 1669 | 33.49 | 1678 | 33.52 | 2198 | 41.11 |
| | Saudi Arabia | 1791 | 33.30 | 2501 | 42.46 | 2011 | 32.95 |
| | Germany | 1031 | 18.19 | 2423 | 23.08 | 1574 | 26.11 |
| | Canada | 1749 | 30.57 | 1502 | 27.16 | 1354 | 22.72 |
| | Italy | 1265 | 23.97 | 1070 | 20.17 | 986 | 17.74 |
| | Norway | 464 | 9.36 | 445 | 8.55 | 890 | 15.90 |
| | Greece | 638 | 12.76 | 915 | 17.81 | 830 | 15.57 |
| | Kuwait | 469 | 9.93 | 434 | 8.33 | 847 | 15.34 |
| Walnuts | Australia | 216.67 | 2.74 | 245.78 | 3.13 | 108.94 | 1.48 |
| | Denmark | 345.80 | 5.64 | 313.55 | 5.16 | 294.91 | 5.17 |
| | Spain | 1686.90 | 29.48 | 1787.94 | 31.34 | 1859.09 | 31.84 |
| | Germany | 918.75 | 13.32 | 758.75 | 11.27 | 737.43 | 11.52 |
| | UK | 650.49 | 9.47 | 571.30 | 8.50 | 546.60 | 7.98 |
| | Greece | 566.90 | 7.73 | 729.34 | 10.33 | 345.11 | 4.99 |
| | Kuwait | 127.09 | 2.70 | 123.07 | 2.35 | 181.46 | 3.63 |
| | Netherlands | 342.35 | 5.77 | 412.45 | 6.43 | 325.35 | 5.16 |
| Dried Apricots | Bangladesh | NA | NA | 27.00 | 0.04 | 59.00 | 0.04 |
| | Nepal | NA | NA | 0.79 | 0.0048 | 2.68 | 0.08 |
| Raisins | Australia | NA | NA | NA | NA | 1.61 | 0.022 |
| | Belgium | NA | NA | NA | NA | 11.50 | 0.08 |
| | UK | NA | NA | NA | NA | 15.89 | 0.10 |
| | Sri Lanka | NA | NA | NA | NA | 15.07 | 0.09 |
| | Saudi Arabia | NA | NA | NA | NA | 6.51 | 0.05 |

NA: not available

(b) Steps taken by the Government to boost export of dry fruits include setting up of Agri-Export Zones (AEZs) for walnuts, participation in important trade fairs, organisation of buyer seller meets and financial assistance under Plan schemes of Agricultural & Processed Foods Export Development Authority(APEDA) for development of infrastructure, market development ,quality development etc.

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